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Allen Klein, Regional Director
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Subject: Decision Document/Conditionally Approved Permit for the Bear Canyon Mine
Lease Expansion, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, C/015/0025

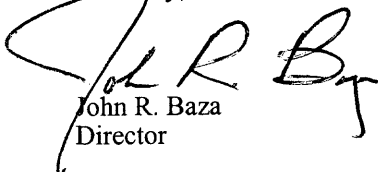
Dear Mr. Klein:

Enclosed please find the Decision Document/Conditionally Approved Permit for the expansion of the Bear Canyon Mine. Mining may not proceed into this area until the Assistant Secretary of Lands and Minerals in the Department of Interior has signed the mining plan approval.

This package is conditionally approved because it does not include the consent of the US Forest Service to the Mining Plan Modification as needed under 30 CFR 740.4(c)(2). Utah hereby requests OSMRE to assist us under the terms of the Utah Cooperative Agreement, 30CFR944, by securing the required consent of the FS. Utah has worked closely with the USFS, and has requested consultation and consent with respect to the post mining land use and requirements to protect non-coal resources. On March 13, 2007, Utah believed it had obtained USFS consent, however, on March 20, 2007, this consent was rescinded, as shown on the Notices included with this package.

Utah also notes the need for an administrative correction to the R2P2 lease description to be submitted directly to OSMRE by the Bureau of Land Management. Therefore, Utah is sending this permit package forward to you to complete by the addition of these two items from USFS and the BLM. We greatly appreciate OSMRE's assistance with this permitting action.

Sincerely,


John R. Baza
Director

Enclosures

cc: Pete Rutledge, OSM-WRCC (w/o)
Charles Reynolds, Co-Op Mining Company (w/o)
Alice Carlton, Forest Service (w/o)
Kent Hoffman, BLM (w/o)

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Subject: State Permit and Decision Document, Bear Canyon Mine Lease Expansion (Federal Leases UTU-46484, UTU-61048, UTU-61849, UTU-24316 and Private Coal), Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, C/015/0025, Task #2734, Outgoing File

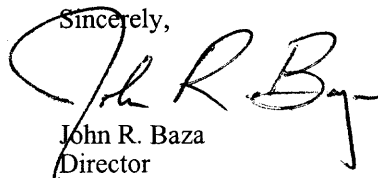
Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Enclosed please find the Decision Document and State Permit for the proposed Bear Canyon Mine Lease Expansion. This permitting action involves the addition of federal leases UTU-46484, UTU-61048, UTU-61849, UTU-24316 and certain private land and coal reserves totaling approximately 7591 acres.

This Decision Document has been forwarded to the Office of Surface Mining (OSM). Also, please be advised that this permit is conditionally approved until a letter of consent is received from the U.S. Forest Service and an administrative correction is made by the BLM to the R2P2 approval recommendation to include mining within federal lease UTU-24316. Mining may not proceed into the expansion area until the Assistant Secretary of Lands and Minerals in the Department of Interior has signed the mining plan approval.

Please have the authorized officer for Co-Op Mining Company sign both permits and return one to the Division. If you have any questions, please call me, or Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining.

Sincerely,



John R. Baza
Director

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Enclosures

cc: Pete Rutledge, OSM-WRCC (w/attachments)
Emery County Planning (certified) (w/o)
Marc Stilson, Water Right (w/o)
Kent Hoffman, BLM (w/o)
Jim Kohler, BLM (w/o)
Dave Ariotti, DEQ (w/o)

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